

Infrastructure, Roads System

(Admin. Facilities, Roads, Airstrips)

Interdisciplinary Team Recommended Plan Components

Desired Condition:

The road system serves the land management needs and purpose (as defined in other sections of the plan) and is affordable. Although roads maintained for passenger cars will meet public road safety standards, roads maintained for high clearance vehicles may have hazards and require operator judgment and skill to negotiate. Road management objectives (RMOs) are identified and kept current for all roads.

Limited duration roads are utilized to access areas where management needs are less than 10 years. Roads not needed to serve management needs and purposes are decommissioned and removed from the system.

Administrative facilities serve the land management needs and purposes of the forest. The size, number, and location of facilities meet management needs; are affordable, safe, energy efficient and meet appropriate level of accessibility. Facilities are included in the Facilities Master Plan, which is kept current. Facilities not needed are removed, transferred to other uses/ownership, or decommissioned.

Airstrips are **developed**, maintained and utilized for access to the National Forest System Lands. The size and number of strips meet management and recreational uses.

Objectives:

1. In the next 10 - 15 years decommission approximately xx miles of road to protect watersheds and wildlife habitat.
2. In the next 10 - 15 years construct approximately xx miles of permanent system roads to facilitate vegetation management in areas suitable for timber production, to relocate roads out of areas for resource protection, or to achieve other management needs.
3. In the next 10 - 15 years reconstruct approximately xx miles of roads to protect investment, meet use levels, and meet management needs.
4. In the next 10 – 15 years reduce the road mileage maintained for passenger cars by xx miles to respond to budget limitations. These roads may be maintained for used by high clearance vehicles.
5. Every 2 years, complete a historic recordation on a building identified as not needed for future use.
6. Every 2 years, complete one facilities project to improve energy efficiency or safety.
7. Every 3 years, conjunctive to, and concurrent with the review of the Idaho Airstrip Network Action Plan (IANAP), assess airstrip plans, including, but not limited to, requirements, recreational utility, and airstrip expansion opportunities.
8. Every year, utilizing the Forest Service Volunteer Program, meet with airstrip user groups to assess airstrip maintenance requirements; subsequently, schedule and support the efficient use of volunteer work parties.

Guideline:

1. To meet Infrastructure Desired Condition, as applies to airstrips, reference is made to Chief of the Forest Service Memorandum dated July 2, 2009, titled "Recreation Access Through Backcountry Airstrips" and PAGE 92 112TH CONGRESS REPORT 1ST SESSION HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORT 112-151 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION BILL, 2012, for additional instructions necessary for ensuring the desired condition.